

Docket No. 219277US0



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
MASAHIRO NOMURA ET AL : EXAMINER: MURPHY, J.
SERIAL NO: 10/049,937 :
FILED: FEBRUARY 20, 2002 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1626
FOR: SUBSTITUTED
BENZYLTHIAZOLIDINE-2
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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Response to the Official Action dated August 23, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-12.

Please add the following claims.

--13. (New) A substituted benzylthiazolidine-2,4-dione derivative represented by the formula (1):

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